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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Whatever has moved to Kerala, we cannot do anything about it. But so far as the stock that is still there within the limits of this State is concerned, the Government have got powers, and they do propose to exercise those powers, if necessary, to requisition stocks if they could not move the producers. Even if the merchants would hoard them or would not sell them, the Government have got powers and they will exercise those powers to requisition such stocks at the maximum controlled price.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Sir, is it a fact that the prices in Kerala are lower than in Madras because of the transport of rice?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : To-day I have received a representation from the President of the Planters' Association of Madras that they could not get rice at controlled rates within the Madras State for purposes of supplying it to workers and that on the other hand, they can get rice at a higher price in Kerala but that still, under our orders, they could not purchase rice at a higher price. And that was the difficulty they expressed to me. 3-10 p.m

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : Sir, if it is an offence to sell rice at a price above the one fixed by the Government, will the Government consider the question of booking those people who sold rice at a higher rate than the controlled one? If it is an offence, why not we look into the matter and chase those people?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If we could trace such offences, we would not have asked the Government of India to issue this ban order. As I pointed out, the movement of paddy straightway from the producer through the lorries could not be checked and traced. Therefore, we wanted this ban order to issue.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : While appreciating the action of the Government of India in readily acceding to the demand of the Madras Government for the imposition of a ban of this type, may I ask whether our Government have also represented to the Central Government that in spite of our being in the Southern Zone, no movement of rice, especially Nellore rice, takes place from the Andhra State to this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. In addition to putting this up to the Government of India, I have suggested to them that out of their purchase of Nellore rice, they should hand over to us rice in exchange for the lower variety of rice, which we have in stock.

Departmental Magazine

* 114 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any departmental magazine is published by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department;

(*b*) if so, the Press where it is printed and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(*c*) the number of copies printed; and

(*d*) whether any complimentary copies are printed for free supply and, if so, the persons and institutions supplied with these copies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Paari Achakam, Madras. About Rs. 1,561 per mensem.

(*c*) 2,000 copies.

(*d*) Yes, Sir.

They are supplied to the following :—

(1) Minister for Home.

(2) Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

(3) Persons who contribute articles to the issue.

(4) Postmaster, Mount Road P.O.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, does not this publication of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department fall within the list of official publications usually made available to Members of the Legislature?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir. It is priced Rs. 10 per issue.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, will the Government consider the supply of this official publication free of cost to those Members of the Legislature who specially apply for it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The annual subscription is Rs. 10, and we have already enrolled 1,892 subscribers, who have paid Rs. 18,920. This is for the information of hon. Members. If still any hon. Member is so interested and wants it, I would take it that he is very much interested in going through the journal, and I shall consider whether we could not supply these copies to such hon. Members.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, if the Hon. the Home Minister would not take me amiss, may I say that in Government magazines the tendency is to publish always the photos of only Ministers and not all Members of the Legislature? (Laughter.)

Siddha Research Centre

* 115 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to start a Siddha Research Centre and Hospital in this State; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted or proposed to be allotted for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) None at present.

(*b*) Does not arise.